

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Re: Active Travel and “Going for GOLD”**

Dear Ecclesall Primary School Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a lovely, restful break with your children.

Ecclesall Primary School are working closely with Modeshift Stars from Sheffield City Council and Living Streets to promote Active Travel. We achieved our Silver status with Modeshift Stars in the summer term 2019 and are now working towards “Going for GOLD” status. We are also a Green Flag school, which is the highest award through Eco schools.

**We need your help please.** To start with, we will be sending out a simple, quick **survey for Parents and Carers** to complete online re your views about travelling to school and home and any possible solutions you may have to any issues that you have encountered.

Our Eco Team are meeting Mrs Firth and Mrs Hardy next week and as part of being “Eco”, they will be helping to support our school with ideas of becoming even more active and green.

We would also like to set up a working group of parents who are interested in helping our Eco team. At the end of the parent’s survey, there is a section to add your name (confidentially) if you would like to be involved. Thanks in advance re this.

We are very fortunate to be involved with the “WOW” scheme that started October 2019. (This is a year round walk to school challenge with the aim of helping encouraging as many of our children as possible to experience the benefits walking to school brings). WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. You will have seen your children wearing a “WOW” badge after being active at least once a week. This includes walking, cycling, scooting or parking the car and striding the last five minutes as we appreciate that parents may need to drive to work after dropping their children off at school. The children are really enjoying working towards this each month. Thanks for your support with this.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher

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Deputy Head